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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was fair at best, instances moderate, with trading usually limited to immediate needs. Interest was also seasonal and beginning to focus on securing more traditional holiday items as Thanksgiving Day approaches. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, trading was slow, unaggressive, and being monitored for further developments. Supplies of all parts were adequate to ample and heavily discounted to improve movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 cents to 73.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 75.25 cents last year on October 27, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	162.00
BREASTS - B/S	130.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	126.00
LEG QUARTERS	46.00
WINGS	86.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair with trading usually limited to most immediate needs. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair, and supplies of all items were at least adequate and frequently discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers were cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were ample and slow to clear; bone-in breasts were fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts were readily available and often discounted to stimulate additional interest. Wings were generally sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment continued about steady to weak. Trade interest was lackluster and generally focused on turkey and other holiday items procurement and delivery. Movement was irregular and covered the full range; mostly light to moderate overall. Floor stocks were in balance to at times long. Weights mostly desirable. Demand in the parts complex was showing little activity as buyers wait for further market developments and renewed consumer traffic. The market tone was steady to weak on wings, barely steady to weak on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings remained ample for current needs. Buying activity, although un-aggressive, was fair; with interest in other than regular commitments slow to develop. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was barely steady to weak on parts.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 22, 2005. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 22 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 22, 2005 were 7.34 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 10/22/05	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u> <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	203,062	194,298	+05
CHICKS PLACED	166,195	164,597	+01

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Dec-05 is estimated at 154.1 million head. This compares to 153.9 million head the previous week and to 155.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.43 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 26, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	771	90.00-168.00	-	104.88
TENDERLOINS	213	95.00-170.00	100-105	103.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	69.00-80.00	72-74	73.08
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	96	52.00-70.00	54-56	55.07
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	34.00-46.00	-	39.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	931	39.00-48.00	42-43	42.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	72.00-85.00	78-81	79.80
WINGS (CUT)	405	95.00-102.00	96-98	97.84
DRUMSTICKS	56	39.00-70.00	-	42.06
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	761	90.00-134.00	100-105	104.43
TENDERLOINS	303	92.00-166.00	-	98.18
BREAST - LINE RUN	496	70.00-80.00	-	72.35
FRONT HALVES	90	44.00-52.00	45-48	46.83
LEGS	88	52.00-69.00	-	54.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	31.00-45.00	37-40	38.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	980	38.00-47.00	41-42	41.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	379	75.00-85.00	79-91	81.07
WINGS (CUT)	280	92.00-102.00	95-99	97.80
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
41.00-49.00	44.95

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50-48.50	42.90	44.70

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was slow and generally unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers worked hand-to-mouth as they cautiously monitored market developments. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins remained ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were available and slow in clearings. Wings were generally adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	111.41	771,860
TENDERLOINS	105-110	118.99	230,878
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	73.64	79,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	60.17	106,720
LEGS	58-59	57.96	275,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	43.14	296,570
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	48.47	151,250
THIGHS	52-53	61.12	59,800
B/S THIGHS	112-113	118.57	81,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	88.86	176,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.05	17,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.62	18,724
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.91	23,200

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CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110	109.24	506,200
TENDERLOINS	105	126.00	165,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	74.88	92,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	58.56	87,720
LEGS	57-58	58.32	167,380
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	44.65	225,640
DRUMSTICKS	43-44	46.72	104,000
THIGHS	51-52	60.46	54,040
B/S THIGHS	109-110	122.79	79,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	89.47	285,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.02	19,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.59	9,502
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.49	16,240

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
Alabama	4,016	4,097	4,003	4,143	5.47
Arkansas	5,498	5,429	5,391	5,670	5.50
Delmarva	2,284	2,284	2,263	2,250	5.73
KY-LA-TN	2,331	2,288	2,308	2,143	5.23
Mississippi	2,741	3,027	2,732	2,753	5.76
North Car	2,401	2,512	2,494	2,691	6.71
Texas	2,507	2,506	2,518	2,499	5.29
Total	21,778	22,143	21,709	22,509	5.64
Mon-Wed	65,856(A)				5.42
					21,940
					5.65
					65,115(A)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Oct-05

is estimated to be 32,582,000 head down 1.04 percent from a week ago and up 4.39 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,923,000, last year 31,212,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Oct-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/29/05 (1)	10/22/05
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	165,084 (2)	168,259
Light hens	1,411	1,051
Heavy hens	1,487	1,438
Total	167,982	170,748

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Oct-05 is 161.8 million head compared to 162.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.4 million head or 3.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 05-Nov-05 the estimated available is 160.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/24/05	96,912	62,802
AM 10/01/05	115,061	55,027
CHG	-18,149	7,775
PCT CHG	-16	14

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/24/05	10/17/05	10/25/04	10/24/05	10/17/05	10/25/04
PACIFIC						
COAST	3,930	4,541	12,403	5,113	4,979	6,145
LOS ANGELES	95	95	113	2,387	2,426	3,327

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2005

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	82-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/25/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	1.60	1.75	1.67	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.50	1.03	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	4.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	21						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 21, 2005

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	58.22	103.96	66.53	12.47	7.48	66.53
High	61.54	112.27	74.85	16.63	10.40	66.53
Mostly	58.22	108.11	74.85	16.63	8.32	66.53

SAN JUAN

Low	59.05	108.11	70.69	16.63	8.32	63.20
High	61.54	116.43	79.01	20.79	10.40	63.20
Mostly	60.29	112.27	74.85	16.63	10.40	63.20

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	58.22	112.27	74.85	12.47	6.24	66.53
High	61.96	120.59	79.01	20.79	10.40	66.53
Mostly	60.29	116.43	74.85	16.63	7.48	66.53

BECERRA

Low	60.29	124.75	74.85	16.63	8.32	70.69
High	63.20	133.06	87.32	20.79	12.47	70.69
Mostly	60.29	128.90	83.16	16.63	8.32	70.69

DELMARVA

Movement of ready to cook whole birds was light with offerings adequate to available. Live supplies were moderate; weights were generally desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 62 to 74 cents. In the parts complex, wings were still in the best position but increasings in availability, bone-in breast were in a slightly better balance, other items were available and at competitive prices. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 10/22/05 WAS 11,084,884 @ 5.70 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

55-80
(A)
(A)

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